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INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND

INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, NETWORK SYSTEM,

RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 8, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of